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TAGS: CASC(DOLLISON, LEON)

SUBJECT: W/W LEON DOLLISON

REF: SEOUL 6112

1. DEPARTMENT HAS RENEWED EFFORTS TO CONTACT LEON DOLLISON.

2. DUE TO TIME LIMIT IMPOSED BY FATHER KEANE'S RETURN TO U.S., EVEN SHOULD WE CONTACT LEON DOLLISON WE WILL PROBABLY BE UNABLE TO OBTAIN WRITTEN INSTRUCTIONS FROM HIM CONCERNING CHILDREN. ALSO, ROLE OF CHILDREN'S MOTHER IS STILL UNCLEAR. THEREFORE, REQUEST YOU REPORT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE:

A. WHETHER OR NOT MOTHER STILL HAS LEGAL CUSTODY OF CHILDREN;

B. IF SHE DOES, CAN EMBASSY OBTAIN WRITTEN, NOTARIZED (OR OTHERWISE LEGALLY CERTIFIED) PERMISSION FROM HER FOR CHILDREN TO RETURN TO U.S.?

C. IF SHE DOES NOT, WILL APPROPRIATE KOREAN AUTHORITIES  
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EXECUTE SUCH A DOCUMENT?

D. WE UNDERSTAND THAT DOLLISON IS UNABLE TO SUPPORT CHILDREN AT PRESENT, AND LIKELIHOOD IS THAT UPON RETURN THEY WILL GO TO OTHER RELATIVES OR TO FOSTER HOME. CAN EMBASSY FORESEE THEIR FATE IF THEY REMAIN IN KOREA AND OFFER OPINION ON WHICH FUTURE MORE DESIREABLE?

E. PLEASE REPORT DATES AND PLACES OF BIRTH AND PASSPORT DATA FOR ALL CHILDREN.

F. ARE CHILDREN DUAL NATIONALS? IF SO, ARE RESIDENCE PERMITS (PARA TWO REFTEL) REQUIRED?

G. UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES, BELIEVE EMBASSY SHOULD APPROACH KOREAN GOVERNMENT FOR SPECIAL CONSIDERATION ON RESIDENCE PERMIT FINES, IF IT IS DECIDED THAT CHILDREN MAY BE RETURNED TO U.S. EMBASSY MAY WISH TO POINT OUT THAT FAMILY AT PRESENT COMPLETELY DESTITUTE AND THAT USG ABLE TO ASSIST WITH TRANSPORTATION ONLY REPEAT ONLY, HAVING NO REPEAT NO LEGAL PROVISION FOR PAYMENT OF PREVIOUSLY-INCURRED DEBTS OR FINES, AND THAT WAIVER OF FINES MAY BE CHEAPEST WAY OUTFORKOREAN AUTHORITIES IN THIS CASE. REPORT EMBASSY REACTION TO THIS SUGGESTION. VANCE

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